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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : JONATHAN ZMUDA, et al.  
For : ORAL FLUID ASSAY FOR HEPATITUS  
C VIRUS (HCV) ANTIBODIES USING  
NON-ANTIBODY LABELING OF IgA  
MOLECULES RECOGNIZING HCV  
PEPTIDE EPITOPES  
Serial No. : 09/938,131  
Filed : August 23, 2001  
Examiner : Donna C. Wortman  
Group Art Unit : 1648  
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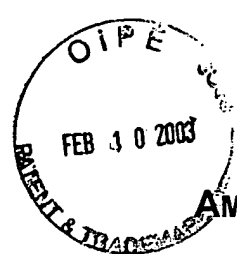
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner of Patents  
BOX RESPONSE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued on November 5, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

Prior to reconsideration of the application, please amend the application as follows:



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Group Art Unit: <b>1648</b> Confirmation No.: <b>1717</b>	Invention: <b>ORAL FLUID ASSAY FOR HEPATITUS C VIRUS (HCV) ANTIBODIES USING NON-ANTIBODY LABELING OF IgA MOLECULES RECOGNIZING HCV PEPTIDE EPITOPES</b>	

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111* in the above-identified application. The fees have been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	15	Minus	15	-0-	\$9 (small)	00.00
Indep. Claims	3	Minus	3	-0-	\$42 (small)	00.00

- ☒ No additional claim fees are required.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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